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ASSOCIATION

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# Proceedings

## FIRST DAY—Morning Session

The Harmony Baptist Association met in its Sixty-sixth Annual Session with Springfield Baptist Church October 22, 1915. After singing Higher Ground, Brother Jno. Thompson read Psalm 75, and Brother G. W. Nutt led the body in prayer.

The body was then called to order by Moderator T. G. Ward, who appointed the following committees:

Committee on Enrollment—Brothers E. W. Barnett, Wesley Bryan, J. A. Thomas.

Committee on Finance—Brothers Jno. Dorrill, J. C. Horn, M. O. Wright.

The Moderator then appointed Brothers O. H. Barnett, G. W. Brantley as tellers to take the vote of the body for Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the election of Brother T. G. Ward, Moderator, and P. C. Barnett, Clerk and Treasurer.

The Moderator then called for correspondence.

Brothers S. W. Moore and G. W. Brantley were seated, as Messengers from Mt. Pisgah Association; T. G. Ward, Home Mission Board; G. W. Nutt, Mississippi College and Ministerial Education; R. G. Joiner, Bay Springs Association and Clark Memorial College; T. J. Moore, from State Mission Board.

## Correspondence Return

Resolved, That any member of any church in this Association is hereby authorized to represent us in any body of Baptists.

Call for petitionary letters. None presented.

The body then suspended business while Brother P. C. Barnett preached the introductory sermon from Mark 8:5.

The body then took a recess of 1 1-2 hours for dinner.



**Afternoon Session**

At 2 o'clock p. m. the Moderator called the body to order and after prayer by Brother R. G. Joiner business was taken up.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees in lieu of those appointed a year ago, who were absent, to-wit: Jno. Thompson in lieu of N. F. Wallace, A. M. Langston for B. F. Odum, M. E. Sykes for R. C. Barham.

The Report on Publications was discussed by Brothers T. J. Moore and J. L. McMillon. Report adopted.

**Report on Publications**

As "the men who read are the men who lead," it is very necessary that we read the proper literature that we may lead in the right direction. Our papers are our companions; if we take good papers, we keep good company, and to improve our manners and conduct we must keep good company.

We recommend studying the Bible first, the sword of the Spirit, to arm us for the battle for the Master.

Next the Baptist Record for keeping posted on our State work as well as lots of articles that are elevating, helpful and instructive. Then as many other Baptist papers as we can. Next the Foreign Mission Journal, Home Field, and Orphanage Gem to keep posted on the other lines of our denominational work. Nor should we forget the S. B. C. Sunday School literature for our Sunday Schools.

Respectfully,

DR. J. W. W. LYLE,

Your Committee.

Brothers J. L. McMillon, M. E. Sykes, Gray Williams, M. P. Hendrick and O. H. Barnett were appointed Executive Committee.

Committee on Devotional Services reported that Brother Joiner preach tonight.

The body then adjourned until 9 a. m. tomorrow.

Brother Joiner preached at 7 p. m. from Acts 3:7.

**SECOND DAY—Morning Session**

At 9 o'clock a. m. Saturday the body was called to order by Moderator and after devotional services, conducted by Brother E. W. Barnett, the body went into business.

Brothers C. H. Chamblee, Lee Reis, J. M. Flowers appointed committee on Digest of Letters.

On motion of Brother W. J. Barnett, the clerk was instructed to have Constitution and By Laws printed in the minutes provided funds are sufficient to pay for same.

The Report on Hospital was read by Brother E. W. Barnett, and discussed by Brothers E. W. Barnett, T. J. Moore and adopted.

**Report of Committee on Mississippi Baptist Hospital**

Your Committee does not feel that it is competent to state just what the Baptist Hospital has done during the year just closing, but will estimate to the best of information at hand. About 400 patients have been cared for or possibly more. Some of these were charged regular prices, while a large per cent were cared for without charges. The benevolent services rendered figured on a conservative basis would amount to something like \$2000.00, while this is not all the benevolent work done. The physicians and surgeons practicing in the Hospital do a great deal of charity work. The work is rendered without consideration as to denominational alignment. The death rate is very small. Out of 340 patients treated, last year 13 died. Notwithstanding the large amount of benevolent work done the current expenses have been met. The new building has added greatly to convenience and progress of the work. All the work is done in a Christian spirit. Bibles, tracts and religious book have been read with pleasure and profit. Public service held on Sunday afternoon and the nurses have daily devotional services. One great need is that the people of the State know more about our Hospital that they might

pray and work more intelligently.

Let us rejoice in "Helping those who cannot help themselves."

E. W. BARNETT.

The Report on Home Missions was read by Brother G. W. Nutt. The Report on State Missions was read by Brother Jno. Thompson and the Report on Foreign Missions was read by P. C. Barnett.

The Reports were discussed by Brothers Jno. Thompson, T. J. Moore.

Adjournment one hour and 20 minutes for dinner.

#### Afternoon Session

The Body was called to order by Brother G. W. Nutt, who was chosen Moderator pro tem in the absence of Brother T. G. Ward, who had been called away to a burial. Reports on Home, State and Foreign Missions were adopted.

#### Home Missions In The South

Baptists in the South loved liberty of conscience so much that they suffered in Virginia repeated imprisonments for it and a contemptuous persecution by the State Church, which lasted through more than half a century, God honored this noble passion of our spiritual sires, and made it more influential than any other cause in bringing the blessing of religious liberty in America. The needs of our own day constitute a call to Southern Baptists to have a like passionate love for lost men and women and for the growth of the new life which is in Christ.

"As goes America, so will go the World," has become almost an axiom among Christian statesmen. Never did the truth of this saying press home more forcibly to the hearts of thoughtful men than it does today. Most of the other so-called Christian nations of earth are doing their utmost to destroy each other, in the most colossal war which the world has ever seen. Never before was there so great a need that our concern for and support of Home Missions should be at concert pitch.



Christianizing America in our day is a task which has assumed almost tragic importance. It is an immense task. There are in America 50,000,000 persons of responsible age who make no profession of religious faith.

Christianity has a better opportunity to day to transform society in the South than elsewhere in America or in the world. Of every 100 evangelical Christians in the South thirty-nine or forty are Baptists. In this section the Baptists of the world have their supreme opportunity to win men and save society. Here is the best Baptist field for Home Missions and the opportunity to create the greatest Baptist base for the World Missions.

We challenge Southern Baptists to rise to this opportunity. The Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Georgia, is the great central agency of the Southern Baptist Convention through which our people address themselves as a unit to the task of saving the South. This general agency at many points co-operates with and supplements the indispensable effort of the denomination in each State through State Missions. Our Home Board has the distinction of being by far the most successful Home Mission Board in America, when the number of souls won to Christ by its workers is taken as the standard of comparison. The Home Board reported 38,000 baptisms by its workers last year. The next largest number of baptisms reported by a Home Mission agency was 10,000 by the Home Mission Society of Northern Baptists. Of this large number of baptisms 17,000 were creditable to cooperating agencies, but 21,000 were creditable directly to Home Mission endeavor. The dollar given to Baptist Missions in the South reaches a larger harvest in souls than any other mission dollar spent in America.

Besides its great work in Evangelistic Missions, the Home Board is conducting a splendid activity in Intensive Missions, developing the Christ-life which was implanted at conversion. Both in its great system of mountain and other schools and in the Enlistment work among undeveloped churches, the Board is doing a great service,

looking to the enlargement and enlistment of our thousands of non-cooperating churches. The brethren of these churches have with us the sweet fellowship that is in a common faith in Christ, the Savior. May we become so enlarged in the spirit of love that we shall seek in loving helpfulness to bring them into that larger fellowship which we have in cooperative service to win the world to Christ.

The Home Board helps to maintain missionary pastors in cooperation with various State agencies; engages in work among the Negroes; is undertaking a great work for Church Extension; conducts foreigner mission schools and foreigner port and pastoral work; conducts a great system of mission schools for Highlanders; has instituted a most inspiring work of Enlistment in cooperation with State agencies; has the most successful Evangelistic Department possessed by any domestic missionary agency in America; preaches the gospel to the Indians in Oklahoma; does a notably successful work in Cuba and Panama.

We earnestly commend to our churches the support of the great work of Home Missions. The intense appeal of secular interests and of pleasure in our modern industrial civilization, call for an increased effort to turn and hold the faces and hearts of men toward the heavenly city. In all our churches we should carry the work of the Home Mission Board on our hearts in prayer to God and should give freely to the support of this great work.

1. We recommend that our churches be encouraged to make a larger use of the Home Mission tracts issued free by the Home Mission Board, and that study classes be formed in the Board's study class book, "Baptist Home Missions."

2. We urge that larger effort be made in the churches to get clubs of subscribers to THE HOME FIELD. It is a splendid magazine about the on-going of the Kingdom of Christ in the South and the Baptist effort

to support Home Missions. It is a distressing and lamentable situation that only one Baptist preacher in five gets this magazine, which is only 25c a year in clubs of five or more. Sample copies gladly sent to any Baptist who will write for them.

3. The Home Board furnishes for 50c a set of five large wall charts suitable for the church. If these charts were in the churches of the Association they would do a great deal to teach what Home Mission work is.

4. In order to make effective and definite the obligations of the individual churches to take their full share of Home Mission work, we recommend that this Association assume \$400.00 as its share of the State apportionment, and that the Executive Committee be authorized to apportion this amount fairly among the churches.

Address of Home Mission Board is

1004 Healey Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. B. D. Gray, Corresponding Secretary.

Literature should be ordered from the  
Publicity Department.

#### **State Missions**

State Missions as understood by the Baptists of Mississippi, is the spiritual mission work of the churches of Jesus Christ, committed by common consent of the Churches to the Board of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, which is domiciled at Jackson, Miss., of which Board the Rev. J. B. Lawrence is the efficient Secretary. This Board through the churches is charged with the responsibility of supplying, if possible, every person in every destitute town and community in Mississippi, with the whole gospel of the "Blessed God," that all may believe to the saving of the soul, according to contributions from the churches to this work.

The course pursued by the Board to the fulfillment of their mission is the employment of missionary pastors who are authorized under cautious, stipulated contracts, to preach in these towns and communities with a purpose



to the salvation of men, and if possible out of such material, organize churches of Jesus Christ. Also, these missionaries are preaching to many of the weak churches in the State, who seem to be unable to maintain the standard of interest and representation that many of these towns and communities demand and should have, so that the Board through the Missionaries, and the financial contributions of the churches upon which the Board relies and is dependent, have already granted assistance to 245 of these weak churches, in the hope that in the near future these churches will become self sustaining and great missionary helpers to other weak churches in the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

It is a truth not to be controverted that Baptists come nearer preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ out of doors, and being satisfied, than all other religious denominations your committee has any knowledge of. This must be because according to the Bible, the first Baptist preacher, John the Baptist, was a wilderness man, and so, to this very hour we seem to enjoy wilderness conditions. It is therefore true that at this writing, in the State of Mississippi, there are 180 Baptist Churches who are without houses of worship and many more whose antediluvian appearance and condition is such that they are eye sores to the passerby and reflections upon the dignity of a religious denomination as wealthy as Baptists are. With these facts before us, even years ago, the importance of building better houses of worship and repairing the dilapidated, came upon Baptists as a natural consequence, in keeping with their prosperity and general advocacy of a better educated constituency, so that today in connection with the first and all important obligation to preach the gospel, the State Board seeks to help churches who propose to help themselves; to put on a more Godly appearance by building convenient, good looking houses of worship. This department of our work commends itself to thoughtful Baptists everywhere and should be well supported.

Your Committee is not sure that we are so well ac-

quainted with all the tactics of what is known among us as the work of "Enlistment," however, all that is implied in the term we feel sure is becoming every child of God, as also every church of Jesus Christ. In this work to the development of the churches at large the Board sees a great future, hence at this time two men are employed for their full time among the churches of South and South-east Mississippi.

In conclusion the Board is equally interested in Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work, nor is it forgetful of the work that the pious, noble women of the churches are doing through their Societies. And last but not least appropriations have been made in the interest of "Special Work" which implies giving assistance where Agricultural High Schools are located, if the assistance is needed and the Board is able. The Board this year laid out its work for the objects I have mentioned on a basis of \$43,000, and of course are expecting the churches of the Harmony Association to come forward with a contribution that will make us know we have done well our part.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN THOMPSON.

#### **Report on Foreign Missions**

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following:

The word foreign as applied to missions only designates that part of mission work carried on by Southern Baptists which is foreign to us geographically.

There are at present about 3,000,000 white Baptists in the South with about 12,000 ordained white ministers.

The South is truly the Baptist stronghold of the world and here where they are strongest the evangelical gospel prevails over the life of the entire population as it does not prevail over any other section of the habitable globe.

This body of Baptists co-operating through the Southern Baptist Convention has projected foreign mission

work in five great sections of the papal and pagan world, namely: In the Republics to the south of the United States, in Japan, China, Africa and Italy. In those countries there is a combined population of more than 700,000,000, among whom Southern Baptists have 33,584 church members and to whom we have sent 114 ordained missionaries. Our missionaries are surrounded by heathen influences, opposition and prejudice such as are unknown to the preachers in the home land.

For every evangelical effort, there have been one hundred years of idolatry and ignorance. For every church or chapel, there are hundreds of temples and monasteries. For every missionary, there are thousands of priests, and for every convert, thousands of idolaters.

Our missionaries stand in the midst of this appalling need without support and reinforcement which is given to us on the home field by bands of deacons, consecrated women, church societies and various denominational organizations, local, state and national, through which we seek to secure the impact of our Christianity upon the life of our people.

To illustrate the isolation of our workers on the foreign field, when our Brother Daiel of Laiyang, China, was drowned last summer it was three whole days before the nearest white man could reach his widow in her sorrow.

The encouraging statistics of the Southern Baptist Convention on said foreign fields under above named conditions are as follows:

We have 382 churches of which 56 are self sustaining, and 819 out stations. Baptisms last year were 5,190. Total membership 33,584. There are also 594 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 23,959 and the total contribution from the entire foreign field is \$144,427. Our working force consists of 298 missionaries and 148 ordained native helpers. We also have 339 schools in all with a total enrollment of 8,833. We have 13 medical missionaries with 8 hospital buildings, in which were treated by our missionaries 59,940 patients. All this



work is laid out by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Convention on the basis of \$624,000, of which Mississippi has undertaken to raise \$35,000. This Association last year gave \$294 and did not plan any definite amount for 1915. Therefore, we recommend that the Association undertake \$400 as a minimum to be raised for foreign missions before April 30, 1916, and that this amount be apportioned among the churches, and the pastors requested to try to secure the hearty co-operation of the churches in this undertaking.

Report on Prohibition was read by Brother W. E. Martin, and discussed by Brothers W. E. Martin, T. J. Moore, Jno. Thompson, J. L. McMillon, and adopted.

#### **Report of Committee on Prohibition**

There is, possibly, no evil existing in the world of more varied influence than that of drunkenness. There are, however, other vices and evils more universally practiced and of more magnitude, but the visible results are not so blighting. The drunken animal called man is a public nuisance to society, a disgrace to his family and an abomination to his Creator.

But, the report of this committee is not to deal with drunkenness, but rather with prohibition, which is supposed to be the antidote for drunkenness. Prohibition grew out of the necessity of some means by which the great tide of drunkenness might be staid if not eliminated; therefore, we have various legislation in its world-wide scope dealing with this question. This is more and more being used as its great advantages are discovered, reaching now from the decree from the Czar of Russia to the mandate of parent to child.

It is true that prohibition does not always prohibit yet we know from records and statistics that it does to a great extent prohibit and is used as an emergency brake to check the current of drunkenness. There are various laws written upon our statutes applicable to this question but the statute that applies to the child of God comes

from a higher source, namely, the Word of God. The person who is restrained from use of alcoholic beverages only because the laws of the State prohibit him is not in close communion with Christ or the Word of God. However, we, as children of God and church members, do have a duty to perform in upholding the morals of our country and maintaining the peace and dignity of our State. We should at all times be found in might and main upon the right side of every moral proposition, but in so doing we must be careful to distinguish between the means and the end sought. Prohibition is no part of salvation nor is salvation the end sought, but prohibition is the means by which we can relieve a great amount of suffering, poverty, and crime in the world. And for this reason we pray for its spread until all people may realize its great good.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. E. MARTIN.

Report on Christian Education was read by Brother Jno. Thompson, discussed by Brothers T. J. Moore, John Thompson, John McMillon. Report adopted.

#### **Report on Christian Education**

The term "Christian Education" implies the education of a Christian. If more than this is claimed for it, then it implies that the system of education that we advocate and propagate is Christian. But again if the contention should be further continued it would imply that by the term "Christian Education," we make people Christians. If these features of the subject are objected to then it means that there is something else that we want to set forth in our advocacy of the education of our children in the higher branches of educational facilities, for the various responsibilities of life into which they may eventually be called. Your Committee, therefore, believes that what this body of Baptist people wish set forth is not "Christian Education," but the splendid, consistent Christian, Godly, pious, religious, scriptural influences that characterize Baptist institutions of learn-

ing, especially, the Baptist Colleges of Mississippi. These institutions of learning; Mississippi College for boys, at Clinton, Miss., Clark Memorial College, Newton, Miss., for both boy and girls, the Woman's College, Hattiesburg, Miss., Blue Mountain Female College, Blue Mountain, Miss., and Hillman College, Clinton, Miss., are in their nature, work and discipline, schools that are not surpassed either in the State or out and commend themselves to the worthy consideration of not only every Baptist in all this great State of Mississippi, but to every other person who in any sense is interested in either his own education or the education of anyone else. It is true that we have thousands of boys and girls of our denomination who are already Christians, who ought to be in these colleges where they can receive the benefits of the Christian environments that ought to characterize every other college in the known world, and yet they are not, however, it is the earnest hope of all thoughtful Baptists that in higher education Baptist institutions shall have the first consideration.

Respectfully submitted,  
**JOHN THOMPSON,**

On motion the request of Brother H. M. Cotton, was granted, in which he wished to give the Board of Ministerial Education \$50.00 to the credit of Harmony Association.

Report on Nominations was read by Brother Gray Williams. Adopted.

#### **Report of Committee on Nominations**

We recommend that the Association meet with Good Hope church, Madison county next year; also recommend that Brother B. F. Odom be appointed to preach the introductory sermon with Brother John Thompson alternate. We also recommend that Brother John Thompson go to the Southern Baptist Convention. We also recommend that each church appoint one or more delegates to constitute the Executive Board and that they insist that one or more should attend.

Respectfully submitted,  
**GRAY WILLIAMS,**  
**VICTOR McDANIEL,**  
Committee.

The report on Ministerial Relief was read by Brother R. C. Barham. Discussed by Brother R. C. Barham and adopted.

#### **Report on Ministerial Relief**

We, your Committee on Ministerial Relief, when we think of such a great work and hardship that a good soldier must bear and how we care for our good soldiers that fought so bravely in our Civil war and how we pension them for the good they did, we hope, but they were trying to kill people. Now Paul said, "I was chosen of the Lord to be a soldier to fight the battle for Christ, to rescue life." So is every minister of the gospel. Again Paul said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. I am now ready to be offered up." So is every good minister of Christ. Brethren doesn't this appeal to our hearts? We have something like 18 or 20 of those soldiers. They have sacrificed their lives on the altar of service of Christ and we ought to appreciate them and care for them on their last days.

Humbly submitted,  
**R. C. BARHAM.**

Report of Finance Committee read by Brother J. N. Dorrill. Report Adopted. A contribution was made to the amount of \$4.88 to help cover the deficit of the treasury.

#### **Report of Finance Committee**

Your Finance Committee has received and paid over to the Treasurer \$136.61. We have examined his finance report and found it correct as stated.

Respectfully submitted,  
**J. N. DORRILL,**  
**M. O. WRIGHT.**

The Report on Woman's Work was read by Brother



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### Report on Woman's Work

While we understand that this report should embrace an outline of the work done and being done by the women of our denomination since the last meeting of our Association, rather than an outline of the work enjoined upon or allotted to Christian women, for want of statistics, we must adopt the latter form of report. If we understand aright, woman's work is very much misunderstood. There are two lines of doctrine taught in the World, each of which go to the extreme. The one places woman in the same sphere as man, while the other takes from her all work as a teacher and places her as a silent hearer. Both these views are erroneous. The first theory is based on I Cor. 14:34-35 and I Cor. 2:12-15. These scriptures forbid that woman shall teach in the church and give as the reason (I Tim. 2:14), that the woman and not man was beguiled into trasgression in the garden of Eden. But while these restriction appear positive and unquestionable, we find from other scriptures equally as clear and fully positive that the Christian women did do a work in the apostolic churches which was approved by the apostles and divine writ. We find from Acts 18:24, 28 where Apollos and Alexandrien Jew who was might in the scriptures, who had been instructed in the way of the Lord; who was fervent in spirit and spoke and taught carefully the thing concerning Jesus, knew only of the baptism of John. It further appears that when this learned man began teaching, though boldly, in synagogue, and Priscilla and Aquilla heard him, they took him unto them and expounded unto him the way of God more carefully. After this, he appears to have been of much help to them who had believed through grace, and that he powerfully confused the Jews, showing by the scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

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Cenchrea, to the church at Rome, assuring them that she was worthy of the saints, and that she had been a succorer of many, and of himself.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. McMILLON.

Report on Direct of Letters read by Brother Y. A. Ward and adopted.

#### Report of Committee on Digest of Letters

We, your Committee on Digest of Letters, beg to submit the following report.

We find twenty-eight churches represented.

Value of church property	\$5,600.00
Increase in membership	123
Decrease in membership	79
Total membership	2,202
Pastors' salary	\$2,128.00
Sunday School expenses	77.58
Missions	858.64
Orphanage	41.54
Ministerial education	31.55

C. H. CHAMBLEE,  
For Committee.

On motion Brother J. L. McMillon was instructed to write Brother H. M. Cotton our appreciation of thanks for his donation.

Association adjourned until 9 a. m. tomorrow.

#### THIRD DAY—Morning Session

After devotional services conducted by Brother G. W. Nutt, the body was called to order by Moderator T. G. Ward.

Report on Orphanage was read by Brother A. M. Langston. Discussed by Brothers A. M. Langston, W. H. Collier. Report adopted.

#### Report on Orphanage

Through the generous spirit and co-operation of



Mississippi Baptists we have for orphan children a home at Jackson consisting of 112 acres of land with commodious buildings to accommodate 235 children, where, under the care and training of Christian influence, they are taught the higher avocations of life.

We recommend that this noble work be continued and thereby carry out the will of God. He hath said that he would be a father to the fatherless and believing that He carries out His will through human agencies we recommend that the brethren and sisters send in their annual contributions and thereby carry out the spirit of one of old—that pure and undefiled religion is to visit the fatherless in their afflictions. We all can visit them in this way.

We are grateful to the Ladies' Aid Societies for the good work they have done in this line and recommend a continuance in the work.

Faithfully submitted,  
A. M. LANGSTON.

The Report on Sunday Schools was read by Brother M. P. Hendrick. Discussed by M. P. Hendrick, S. W. Moore, E. W. Barnett, J. L. McMillon. Report adopted.

#### **Report on Sunday Schools**

After an examination of the Sunday School work in the Association as reported in the letters from the churches and from conversations with the delegates your committee finds little progress is being made. The belief is expressed by some that our Sunday Schools are not as efficient as they were twenty years ago. If it is true that we are not advancing it bespeaks a condition the solution of which demands the earnest consideration of the churches.

Your committee thinks it would be wise if the various churches composing this body would secure the services of one of our State Sunday School Secretaries to hold one or more institutes within the bounds of the Association each year. We recommend that our Moderator be

instructed to make all necessary arrangements to this end. We further recommend that our pastors make earnest efforts to secure the cooperation of our churches in the undertaking and that the churches encourage in every way the attendance of the pastors and Sunday School officials at any Institute that may be held for our benefit.

M. P. HENDRICK,  
Chairman Com.

Following amendment to Sunday School Report was adopted.

We recommend to the Baptist Sunday Schools within the bounds of the Harmony Baptist Association to organize a Baptist Sunday School Convention within its bounds.

On motion the body rescinded the action of granting a letter of dismission to Laurel Hill Church, on her request, and she is kept in membership with us.

#### RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

1. That the thanks are due and are hereby tendered to this church and people for their cordial entertainment of the Association.
2. That the Clerk be allowed the usual amount of \$15.00 for his services.
3. That the churches be asked to take a collection to pay the expenses of the delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Good Hope Church, Madison County, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1916.

REV. T. G. WARD,  
Moderator.

REV. P. C. BARNETT,  
Clerk & Treasurer.

The congregation then assembled in the grove and listened to a sermon preached by Brother T. J. Moore, after which an offering was made to the Baptist Orphan-

age to the amount of \$12.00.

### LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

W. P. Dorrill	Dossville
S. C. Eastham	Edinburg
John Thompson	Lena
T. G. Ward	Lena
A. M. Barnett	Carthage
P. C. Barnett	Carthage
J. B. Anderson	Carthage
B. F. Odom	Conway
G. W. Nutt	Lena
B. H. Weems	Lameta
R. C. Barham	Madden
Lewis Russell	Madden
B. E. Phillips	Clinton

### Licentiates

A. M. Langston	Walnut Grove
Will Crow	Dossville

### COMMITTEES TO WRITE REPORTS FOR 1916

State Missions	P. C. Barnett
Home Missions	John Thompson
Foreign Missions	G. W. Nutt
Christian Education	J. L. McMillon
Publication	W. E. Martin
Prohibition	Dr. J. W. W. Lyle
Orphanage	E. W. Barnett
Woman's Work	N. F. Wallace
Ministerial Relief	M. P. Hendrick
Hospital	B. F. Odom
Sunday Schools	A. M. Langston

### REPORT OF ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE

#### Roll of Churches and Messengers

Bethel—J. A. Thomas.  
 Camden—W. W. Watts, Mrs. Estel Watts, Edgar Gober,  
 O. B. Thornton.  
 Carthage—W. E. Martin.

- Cedar Grove—J. A. Watkins, Z. T. Dumas.  
Center Hill—John Edwards, Hubard Broach  
Cross Roads—C. C. Anderson.  
Damascus—  
Friendship—John Thompson, T. G. Ward, H. M. Boyd,  
M. P. Hendrick, Dr. J. W. W. Lyle.  
Freëny—W. J. Barnett, Bob Grice.  
Good Hope (M)—C. A. Cox, C. D. Mitchell, V. McDaniel,  
B. C. Cox.  
Good Hope (L)—G. W. Nutt, W. R. Clay, H. R. Wiggins.  
Lottville—  
Mt. Carmel—M. E. Sikes, S. C. Eastham.  
Laurel Hill—George Sikes, W. E. Chamblee.  
Mt Zion—A. M. Thomas, W. R. Jordan, J. L. Owens, G.  
E. Gunter.  
Midway—Alvin Thornton.  
New Hope—E. A. Hooks, Floyd H. Young.  
New Providence—J. M. Flowers, Will Pearson.  
Pleasant Hill—L. J. Grimes, B. H. Weems, W. S. Trout-  
man.  
Plymouth—Eugene Massey.  
Pleasant Grove—H. C. Barnes.  
Rocky Point—L. M. Reis, E. J. Reid, J. C. Horn.  
Salem—John N. Dorrill.  
Standing Pine—A. M. Langston, M. O. Wright.  
Stump Bridge—  
Spring Field—C. H. Chamblee, J. W. Bryan, J. M. Thomas.  
Tuscola—W. O. Lindsay, R. L. Denson.  
Thomastown—H. G. Williams.  
Wake Forest—  
Walnut Grove—J. L. Parker, R. K. Johnson.



**TREASURER'S REPORT**

P. C. Barnett in Account with Harmony Association.

**RECEIPTS**

Oct. 24.—Received of Finance Committee for:—	
State Missions	\$83.90
Home Missions	3.55
Foreign Missions	3.10
Minutes and Clerk	54.20
Other objects	1.00
Oct. 25—Collected for Orphanage	7.20
Histories sold	.70
Salem Church for delegate to S. B. C.	1.00
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	\$154.65

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Nov. 2.—Paid J. B. Lawrence for:—	
State Missions	\$83.90
Home Missions	3.55
Foreign Missions	3.10
Nov. 24.—Printing and mailing minutes	45.13
J. R. Carter, Orphanage	7.20
Clerk's fee	15.00
Balance due Clerk for 1913	5.60
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	\$163.48
Balance due Clerk	8.83

### RULES OF ORDER

Rule 1. Every sitting shall be opened and closed with prayer or praise.

Rule 2. Visiting brethren may be invited to seats and debate on any question before the body.

Rule 3. A member desiring to speak or present any matter to the body, shall rise and address "Brother Moderator." He shall confine himself to the matter before the body, cast no reflections on the Association nor any member thereof, nor shall he be interrupted while speaking.

Rule 4. When two or more members rise at the same instant, the Moderator shall recognize the one to proceed.

Rule 5. No person shall speak more than once to the same motion without leave of the body, except the mover of the same who shall be allowed five minutes to close the debate. Also, pending a motion to table, or when the Association shall have ordered the previous question, the right to the five minute rule shall be observed.

Rule 6. The Moderator may speak to any question under debate. He shall rise from his seat to put questions, but may state them while sitting. He shall decide all points of order, but an appeal may be taken to the whole body.

Rule 7. The Moderator shall vote in all cases as any other member, and in case of a tie the motion shall be considered lost.

Rule 8. The Moderator shall appoint all committees except when otherwise ordered.

Rule 9. Motions containing two or more propositions shall be divided on demand of any member, and the vote taken on each separately. Every measure shall be brought before the body by motion and second and shall be reduced to writing on the demand of any member.

Rule 10. While a motion is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to commit or amend, to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in their order.

Rule 11. A motion to adjourn, lay on the table for the previous question, or to reconsider a non-debatable motion, shall be deemed non-debatable questions. A point of order shall be held non-debatable except on an appeal.

Rule 12. On demand for the previous question, the chair shall immediately submit: Shall the main question be now put? Which, if decided affirmatively, he shall proceed to take the vote first on any pending amendments thereto, in their order and then upon the main question.

Rule 13. A motion to reconsider shall take precedence of all motions except to adjourn, but cannot be considered while the Association is engaged in other business. A motion to reconsider having failed, it shall prevent that measure being again considered during that session.

Rule 14. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed inadvisable.

Rule 15. An amendment to an amendment may be received, but shall proceed no further.

Rule 16. Any resolution, motion or proposition may be withdrawn at any time by the mover, before decision or amendment.

Rule 17. Any two members shall have the right to demand the ayes and nays on any question before the body.

Rule 18. When the body is proceeding under its regular order, all motions, reports or resolutions, when read, shall be considered before the body.

Rule 19. A motion to suspend the Rules, shall be

deemed a privileged motion, but no debate will be allowed thereon. A motion to suspend shall state definitely, the object for which they are to be suspended, and a "two-thirds vote" must prevail in order to suspension.

Rule 20. Special Order.—The Association may, by a "two-thirds vote," fix any measure before it, for a special hour. When the hour for the special order shall have arrived, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to immediately suspend any business before the body and take up such special order.

Rule 21. No member shall take a final departure without leave of the body.

Rule 22. The officers of the previous Association shall be ex-officio officers of the body, for the purpose of an organization.

Rule 23. Order of Business.—The order of Business, the first day of the session, shall be as follows:

1. Appoint a committee of three on Credentials.
2. Committee on Finance.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Reception of letters petitioning admission in the body.
5. Committee of three on digest of letters.
6. Reception of fraternal correspondence.
7. Recess to hear Introductory Sermon.
8. Unfinished business of previous session.
9. New and miscellaneous business.
10. To appoint the following standing committee to consist of not less than ——— members to-wit:
  - On order of business.
  - On Ministerial Educational and Mississippi College.
  - On Missions.
  - On Publications.
  - On Sunday Schools.
  - On Querries and Requests.
  - On Nominations.

Provided as soon as an organization is effected the Moderator shall appoint a committee to arrange preach-



ing during the session.

Rule 24. Parliamentary law shall in all cases govern where these Rules are silent.

Rule 25. These Rules may be suspended, altered or amended at any time by a "two-thirds vote" of the members present.

### CONSTITUTION

We, the undersigned, having been duly appointed delegates by our respective churches, and being now assembled in convention, do solemnly unite in the capacity of an Association and for our direction adopted the following Constitution :

ART. 1. Name and of Whom Composed—This body shall be known by the name of Harmony Baptist Association, and shall be composed of delegates only, who are members of the churches they represent.

ART. 2. Terms of Representation—Churches represented in this body shall be entitled to two delegates and an additional one for every twenty-five over fifty members.

ART. 3. Time and Place of Meeting—This Association shall meet annually at such time and place as shall be previously appointed.

ART. 4. Officers and their Duties—After the report of committee on credentials is read, the Association shall proceed to elect by ballot a Moderator and Clerk, who shall also be ex-officio Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the meetings and do, and discharge all duties imposed on him, as such by the rules of the body. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair and impartial record of all the doings of the body, and keep a regular file of minutes, which he shall transmit to his successor in office. It shall be the duty of the ex-officio Treasurer to receive all moneys belonging to the Association or its Board and make a report of the state of the Treasury before the close of each session. There shall also be selected at each annual

meeting of the body, one member from each church composing this Association exclusive of the officers, who, with the officers of the body, shall be ex-officers of the Board, shall constitute an Executive Board, five of whom shall form a quorum to conduct the business of the Association during the interim of its meetings. These officers shall continue in office until succeeded by new appointments.

ART. 5. Statistics—It is expected that the churches will send messengers and letters to each annual meeting, giving an account of the state of their respective churches particularly of the additions and diminutions in the past year, and of whatever relates to their peace and prosperity, together with whole number of members in communion; with these letters each church shall forward money for printing of the minutes.

ART. 6. Reception of New Churches—Churches wishing to be represented in this union may apply by letter and messengers, and giving satisfactory evidence of being sound in faith and practice, may be received and as token of same, the Moderator, in behalf of the Association, shall extend to their messengers the right hand of fellowship.

ART 7. Privileges of the Association—Although an associate body, we disclaim any power over the churches, so far as respects an interference with their independence and discipline; yet we deem it our privilege to judge for ourselves the propriety of continuing any church in our connection, which is either heterodox in principle or disorderly in practice. In order, however, that we may not withdraw our fellowship from any church without sufficient cause, it is proposed that when complaint is made by any two churches of this body against a church belonging to this Association, if thought expedient, they may appoint a committee who shall request a conference with said church in order to obtain satisfaction on the points which form the subject of complaint, and shall report the result to the next meeting of the Association, in

order that they may decide as duty shall require.

ART. 8. Neglected Representation—When any church shall neglect making a communication to the Association for two consecutive years, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us and shall be dropped from the minutes, unless two or more members shall request her continuance, and will also engage to inquire into her standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 9. Of Correspondence—This Association may hold correspondence with such associations, societies or individuals as she shall think proper.

ART. 10. Of the Spread of the Gospel—It shall be the duty of the Association, from time to time, to suggest to the churches what she may think most expedient to be done to promote the spread of the gospel.

ART. 11. General provisions—This Association, when convened, shall appoint the time and place of the next annual meeting, select a person or persons to preach on the occasion, make any other appointment or transact any other business that they may judge expedient, and from time to time make such amendments and alterations to this Constitution as experience may dictate, provided such amendment or alteration shall be carried by a majority of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting, provided further that notice of the desired change was duly entered on the minutes of the previous session.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS and POST OFFICES	CLERKS and POST OFFICES	Increase				Decrease				Total Mbrship	Minutes wanted
			Baptisms	Letters	Restored	Death	Expelled	Letter				
Bethel	P. C. Barnett, Carthage.	J. A. Thomas, Dossville.	4	7	1	1	1	1	1	50	8	
Camden	J. T. Ellis, Goodman.	J. W. McKay, Camden.	31	15						95	24	
Carthage	John Thompson, Lena.	N. F. Wallace, Carthage.	3	1						77	20	
Cedar Grove	John Thompson, Lena.	J. A. Watkins, Lena.	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	58	10	
Center Hill	B. F. Odoin, Conway.	J. D. Pope, Conway.	4	2						100	15	
Cross Roads	W. S. Blackmon, Beach.	W. B. Hooper, Lena.	1	1						3	88	
Damascus	R. C. Barham, Madden.	Esther Rushing, Carthage.								3	17	
Friendship	John Thompson, Lena.	M. P. Hendrick, Lena.	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	217	188	
Freeny	T. G. Ward, Lena.	Ollie Grice, Carthage.	1	1						3	17	
Good Hope (M)	G. W. Nutt, Lena.	R. S. Barrett, Camden.	6	3	2	2	2	2	2	150	20	
Good Hope (L)	G. W. Nutt, Lena.	R. H. Wiggins, Lena.	2	2						4	93	
Laurel Hill	R. C. Barham, Madden.	Maggie Barnett, Dixon.	1	1						1	50	
Lottville.												
Mt. Carmel.	F. M. Breland, Philadelphia.	Y. A. Ward, Edinburg.	4	1						6	6	
Mt. Zion.	G. W. Nutt, Lena.	G. E. Gunter, Walnut Grove.	7	3	2	2	2	2	2	70	20	
Midway.	P. C. Barnett, Carthage.	H. G. Walton, Edinburg.	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	41	19	
New Hope.	W. S. Ford, Harperville.	Floyd Young, Estes Mill.	1	1						2	45	
New Providence.	T. G. Ward, Lena.	J. D. Gross, Conway.	1	1						62	6	
Pleasant Hill.	John Thompson, Lena.	J. W. McBeth, Lameta.	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	70	10	
Plymouth.	R. C. Barham, Madden.	E. S. Massey, Carthage.	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	56	15	
Pleasant Grove.	R. C. Barham, Madden.	John Salers, Dossville.	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	6	
Rocky Point.	B. E. Phillips, Clinton.	Hutts Pickle, Dossville.	7	1	2	2	2	2	2	71	20	
Salem.	P. C. Barnett, Carthage.	J. D. Roberts, Center.								5	84	
Stump Bridge.	J. G. Lott, Clinton.	A. B. Coleman, Canton.								14	7	
Standing Pine.	A. M. Barnett, Carthage.	E. W. Barnett, Carthage.								1	68	
Springfield.	T. G. Ward, Lena.	B. E. Risher, Carthage.	1	1						2	78	
Tuscola.	P. C. Barnett, Carthage.	J. L. Denson, Harperville.								7	43	
Thomastown.	John Thompson, Lena.	H. G. Williams, Kosciusko.	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	110	15	
Wake Forest.												
Walnut Grove.	G. W. Nutt, Lena.	Lynn Johnson, Walnut Grove.	11	4	1	1	1	1	1	8	51	



Standing Pine... A. M. Barnett, Carthage... E. W. Barnett, Carthage... 1 1 68 10  
 Springfield... T. G. Ward, Lena... B. E. Risher, Carthage... 2 7 78 10  
 Tuscola... P. C. Barnett, Carthage... J. L. Denson, Harperville... 7 43 10  
 Thomastown... John Thompson, Lena... H. G. Williams, Kosciusko... 1 110 15  
 Wake Forest... G. W. Nutt, Lena... Lynn Johnson, Walnut Grove... 1 8 51 15  
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## FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expense	The Poor	Minute fund	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Colleges and Schools	Hospital	Other Objects
Bethel	\$50 00	\$0 00	\$10 00	\$0 00	\$0 00	1 00	\$4 50	\$4 75	\$3 40	\$0 00	\$0 00	\$0 00	\$0 00	\$0 00	\$0 00	\$0 00	\$75 00
Camden	200 00		4 50	25 00	2 15	2 50	75 00			4 15					15 00		50 00
Carthage	200 00		10 28	15 00	2 75	2 75	2 50	2 20	2 27	2 35							
Center Hill	100 00	15 00	1 50	8 00	2 75	2 75	4 20	2 27	2 35								
Gross Roads	75 00				1 50	30	4 00	1 95	4 00								
Cedar Grove	30 00			1 25	2 00	30	6 00										
Damascus					2 00	30	35	70	30					25			
Friendship	250 00		12 85	15 00	2 50	2 50	30 00	40 00	44 65			45 00		1 00	5 00		50 00
Freeny	50 00		50 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	4 20	3 25	4 00	4 00		2 00				3 00	
Good Hope (L)	50 00			3 00	1 75	3 00	3 70	10 00	12 50				13 00		20 00	2 00	15 00
Good Hope (M)	100 00	5 00			2 50	2 50	15 00	2 50	2 50								15 65
Lottville																	
Mt. Zion	100 00			4 20	3 00	3 00	10 00	8 00	8 88				12 00				5 00
Mt. Carmel	100 00				3 00	3 00	6 25	5 00	5 00			4 95					
Midway	75 00		11 15	2 75	2 50	2 50	6 10		3 75			11 00					1 00
New Hope					1 00	1 00	5 60	3 50	6 60			4 50					17 55
New Providence					2 50	2 50											
Pleasant Hill	75 00				1 50	1 50	7 31	4 00	3 10	51							
Plymouth					40	40	75	1 00	60				1 00	25			
Rocky Point					3 00	3 00	2 00										
Salem	65 00				2 30	1 05	1 20	1 00	4 65								
Stump Bridge	42 50			1 73	1 25	1 25	5 60	5 47	5 65								
Standing Pine	60 00		2 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	12 45	14 25	19 65			5 55					25 10
Springfield	95 00			2 00	1 55	1 55	11 50	7 00	7 00								
Tuscola	50 00	10 00	2 00	5 00	1 00	4 00	4 75		4 90			21 00					4 90
Thomastown	150 00			4 00	2 00	2 00	6 00	15 00	15 00								18 90
Wake Forest																	
Walnut Grove	100 00	65 00		14 00	3 00	3 00	47 33	40 56	41 20			16 04	17 55				
Pleasant Grove					1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00								

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